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FOREWORD

The NSC Policy Review Committee, in accordance with Executive Order 12036 (1-202), has established the attached National Intelligence Topics as requirements and priorities for use by the Intelligence agencies of the US Government. These topics of Basic Long-term Interest and of Current Interest were approved by the White House on 5 August 1978. They will be reviewed and updated periodically.

The National Intelligence Topics of Long-term Interest are intended to guide the development of Intelligence Community capabilities for collection, research, and analysis over the longer term. The purpose of the Topics of Current Interest is to inform intelligence collectors and producers of the needs of senior policymakers for information and analysis over the next six to nine months. It is recognized that these lists do not embrace all requirements for collection and production for which the Intelligence Community is responsible.



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**NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TOPICS
OF
BASIC LONG-TERM INTEREST**

Priority

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II The USSR and Eastern Europe

1. Soviet foreign policy goals, objectives, and strategy
2. Warning of attack
3. Military doctrine, intentions, and capabilities
4. Military R&D programs
5. Strategic arms reduction
6. Soviet internal political trends and problems
7. Soviet economic prospects
8. Trends and stability in Eastern Europe
9. Communist activities in the Third World

III China

1. Sino-Soviet relations
2. Economic and political prospects
3. Prospects for US/PRC normalization of relations
4. Military doctrine, capabilities, and intentions
5. Foreign relations with Japan and other Asian nations

IV Key Developing Countries

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1. Industrial and resource development
 2. Economic policy and prospects
 3. Foreign policy
 4. Military capabilities
 5. Domestic instability

V Less Developed Countries

1. Economic progress and prospects
2. Agricultural and infrastructure development
3. Domestic political stability
4. Foreign policy interests and priorities
5. Role in North-South debate

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VI Global Issues

1. Human rights
2. Nuclear proliferation
3. Energy
4. Arms transfers
5. Advanced technology and technology transfer
6. Transnational terrorism
7. Resource, food, and population prospects
8. Narcotics

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